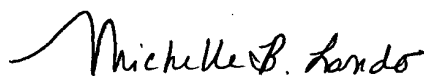


REMARKS

This Amendment amends original claims 1, 12, 14, and 23 to indicate that the metal oxide or reaction product, as the case may be, is size-reduced to a mean agglomerate particle size of less than 25 or 10 microns. No new matter has been added.

Consideration of this amendment, prompt examination and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

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MARKED VERSION OF AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A powder coating composition comprising:
at least one powdered polymer; and
a metal oxide [having], wherein the metal oxide has been size-reduced to a mean agglomerate particle size of less than about 25 microns.
12. (Amended) A powder coating composition comprising:
from about 99.5 to about 99.9 wt% at least one powdered polymer; and
from about 0.1 to about 0.5 wt% of the reaction product of fumed silica and hexamethyldisilazane [having], wherein the reaction product has been size-reduced to a mean agglomerate particle size of less than 10 microns.
14. (Amended) A powder coating composition comprising:
at least one powdered polymer; and
the non-deammoniated reaction product of at least one metal oxide and hexamethyldisilazane, wherein the reaction product has been size-reduced to a mean agglomerate particle size of less than about 25 microns.
23. (Amended) A powder coating composition comprising:
from about 98 to about 99.9 weight percent of at least one powdered polymer; and
from about 0.1 to about 2.0 weight percent of a flatting agent that is non-deammoniated reaction product of from about 80.0 to about 99.9 weight percent fumed silica and from about 0.1 to about 20.0 weight percent hexamethyldisilazane, wherein the reaction product has been size-reduced to a mean agglomerate particle size of less than about 25 microns.